**Export of Silk**

4082. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of silk exported to different countries during the year 1999-2000, 2000-2001, till date;

(b) the details of foreign exchange earned therefrom during this period; and

(c) the details of incentive given by the Govt. to silk producers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Data in terms of quantity exported country-wise is not available. The year-wise country-wise foreign exchange earned through export of silk items during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and April to May of the current financial year is given below.

(Provisional figures; Value : Crore Rs.)

| Countries | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 (April-May) |
|---|---|---|---|
| U.S.A. | 591.16 | 869.07 | 105.09 |
| Germany | 164.82 | 218.63 | 35.85 |
| U.K. | 176.26 | 185.65 | 23.34 |
| Hong Kong | 105.53 | 149.51 | 19.50 |
| Italy | 127.78 | 176.70 | 15.33 |
| U.A.E. | 60.18 | 88.77 | 14.68 |
| Singapore | 36.47 | 65.68 | 13.54 |
| France | 81.46 | 94.66 | 11.22 |
| Spain | 45.32 | 78.05. | 8.03 |
| Saudi Arabia | 19.18 | 25.98 | 7.99 |
| Canada | 32.09 | 44.18 | 4.96 |
| Japan | 29.97 | 54.31 | 4.82 |
| Others | 285.33 | 370.13 | 42.90 |
| Grand Total | 1755.55 | 2421.32 | 307.25 |

Source : Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities & Countries), DGCI&S, Kolkata.

(c) The details of the incentive given by the Central Silk Board to the silk producers under its IX Plan schemes is given below :

| Sl. No. | Name of the Scheme | Details of incentive/subsidy being given |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Scheme for increasing quality raw silk production by promoting use of Multiend Reeling Machine | 30% of the project cost is provided as subsidy i.e. 15% by CSB and remaining 15% by the State. |
| 2. | Installation of Common Facility Centres for Handloom Silk Processing | 85% of the project cost is provided as subsidy by CSB. |
| 3. | Support to Reeling Units | |
| | (a) Incentive for Bivoltine Silk Production | Rs. 100/- per Kg is provided as incentive for reeling bivoltine silk, which is shared equally by CSB and State Govt. |
| | (b) Working capital interest subsidy (FDs) | Interest subsidy to a maximum of 5% of the rate of interest on Working capital loan is provided by CSB. |
| 4. | Promotion of Resource Conservation Technologies through Economic Ovens | Subsidy of Rs. 800 per Charkha Oven and Rs. 2500 for multifuel oven is provided by CSB. |
| 5. | By-product use development projects | Financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakh or 25% of the project cost whichever is less is provided by CSB. |
| 6. | Support to States for up-gradation of seed multiplication infrastructure for tasar | A sum of Rs. 3000 per hectare is provided to the tasar rearers towards input cost for plantation and maintenance. |
| 7. | Support to agencies (NGOs/ Co-operatives) for popularisation of improved reeling/ spinning devices for tasar | Equipments are being supplied on 1% lease per annum for demonstration to the NGOs and at 50% subsidy to the private reelers/spinners. |
| 8. | Support to agencies (NGOs/Co-operatives) for popularisation of improved spinning devices for eri | Equipment are being supplied and lease amount of 1% of the equipment cost is recovered per annum for demonstration to the NGOs and at 50% subsidy to the private reelers spinners. |